

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, and 16 are amended. Claims 2, 6, and 8-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 7 was previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-5, and 11-20 are pending. By amending and canceling the claims, applicant is not conceding that the claims are unpatentable over the art cited by the Office Action and is not conceding that the claims are non-statutory under 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112, as the claim amendments and cancellations are only for the purpose of facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as it existed prior to any amendment or cancellation and to pursue other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claim 6 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, so the rejection is moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Stefik (US Patent Number 4,974,173) in view of Ishida (US Patent Number 5,684,969). Claims 2, 6, and 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Stefik in view of Ishida and DaCosta (US Patent Number 6,826,553 B1). Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over Stefik, Ishida and DaCosta, in any combination, for the reasons argued below.

Claim 1 recites: “copying the subset that was selected based on the respective importance to the peek view,” which is not taught or suggested by Stefik, Ishida, and DaCosta for the reasons argued below.

The Office Action admits that Stefik does not disclose that selection is “based on a respective importance of each of the first plurality of respective data objects,” and relies on Ishida at column 4, lines 6-8 and 30-33. But, Ishida at column 4, lines 6-8 and 30-33 merely describes “significance data” and does not describe the meaning of the significance data.

The meaning and use of the Ishida significance data is described in Ishida at column 11, lines 52-53: “In the figure, the significance is expressed in terms of the size of the node.” This meaning of significance data is further illustrated in Ishida Fig. 22, where the “no display for significance” portion of Fig. 22 illustrates all nodes equal in size while the “display with significance” portion of Fig. 22 illustrates nodes of varying sizes.

Thus, the combination of Stefik and Ishida yields a hypothetical system that displays a full-scale representation 26 and small-scale representations 28 (Stefik at column 6, lines 47-48) and that displays nodes of varying size, where significance is expressed in terms of size of the node, which does not teach or suggest “copying the subset that was selected based on the respective importance to the peek view,” as recited in claim 1. DaCosta also does not teach or suggest, and is not relied on for, “copying the subset that was selected based on the respective importance to the peek view,” as recited in claim 1.

Claim 1 further recites: “copying the subset that was selected based on the respective importance to the peek view from which the pull command was received, wherein the subset in the peek view comprises fewer of the first plurality of data objects than the first plurality of data objects,” which is not taught or suggested by Stefik, Ishida, and DaCosta for the reasons argued below.

In contrast to claim 1, Stefik at Fig. 1 illustrates that the small-scale representations 28 are a superset of the full-scale representation 26 and have a greater number of members than the full-scale representation 26, so Stefik does not teach or suggest, and teaches away from “copying the subset that was selected based on the respective importance to the peek view from which the pull command was received, wherein the subset in the peek view comprises fewer of the first plurality of data objects than the first plurality of data objects,” as recited in claim 1.

Ishida also teaches away from “copying the subset that was selected based on the respective importance to the peek view from which the pull command was received, wherein the subset in the peek view comprises fewer of the first plurality of data objects than the first plurality of data objects,” as recited in claim 1 because the “no display for significance” portion of Fig. 22, illustrating all nodes equal in size, and the “display with significance” portion of Fig. 22, illustrating nodes of varying sizes both illustrate the same number of nodes, so neither the “no display for significance” portion of Fig. 22 nor the “display with significance” portion of Fig. 22 have fewer nodes.

DaCosta also does not teach or suggest “the subset in the peek view comprises fewer of the first plurality of data objects than the first plurality of data objects,” as recited in claim 1, and is not relied upon for such an element.

Claim 11 recites: “selecting a subset of a first plurality of data objects based on a respective importance of each of the first plurality of respective data objects in response to a pull command from a peek view, wherein the first plurality of data objects are displayed in a main view, wherein the pull command requests that the subset be moved from the main view to the peek view; copying the subset that was selected based on the respective importance to the peek view from which the pull command was received, wherein the subset in the peek view comprises fewer of the first plurality of data objects than the first plurality of data objects,” and is patentable for the reasons argued above.

Claim 16 recites: “selecting a subset of a first plurality of data objects based on a respective importance of each of the first plurality of respective data objects in response

to a pull command from a peek view, wherein the first plurality of data objects are displayed in a main view, wherein the pull command requests that the subset be moved from the main view to the peek view, copying the subset that was selected based on the respective importance to the peek view from which the pull command was received, wherein the subset in the peek view comprises fewer of the first plurality of data objects than the first plurality of data objects,” and is patentable for the reasons argued above.

Claims 3-5, 12-15, and 17-20 are patentable for depending on claims 1, 11, and 16, respectively. Claims 2, 6, and 8-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, so the rejections are moot.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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